

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THAT DRAWING POWER THAT DRAWS

A Display of God's Wonderful Power is Always Effective.

If Jesus Should Come Next Sunday.

It may be that you have never felt it and you may not know what I am talking about, but many have felt it and know exactly what I mean. There is little known about deeply spiritual things except by a few who are spiritual, but the masses are not spiritual, therefore, they cannot know. They do not think of spiritual things. Their minds are occupied with business and pleasure. They love the chase—excitement. Nothing else satisfies them.

In times of great outpourings of the Holy Ghost there has been such a peculiar drawing power that took hold of people that they who were moved by it were often much surprised and amazed. In a meeting at a certain place I became much interested as I watched the congregation. The power was strong. I felt it and saw the effects of it. I was finishing the discourse when I first noticed how the congregation was effected. Then presently some came into the altar and others started almost unconscious of what they were doing, and when they got near the altar they forced themselves to stop in a seat at one side. One or two got up and hastened out at the door as if there were something dangerous after them. I am sure the drawing power was over the whole congregation. The saints felt it until they could scarcely move, and the sinners felt it and could not leave the house for some time, although very few came to the altar at that particular time. They seemed to be so amazed that they did not know what to do. They had never felt such power before.

I am not any more able to explain that drawing power that draws than people are to explain the power of electricity that drives the wheels and machines of our factories. I know the effect of it and believe it is sent forth by the Lord, but just how it can take hold of people and actuate them, and hold them still or move them I do not know. Back in the type casting department and press room of our publishing house we have to move only six little switches and I guess nearly a thousand wheels and arms and rollers and levers begin to move. We are more than fifteen miles from the big dam where the river is harnessed up to the big dynamos where the power is generated. That power slips noiselessly along a wire all that distance, but the moment the switches are turned the noise commences. It is not the noise of the power but the noise is made by the machinery that is put in motion by the power. The drawing power may not make any noise at all. There is a magnet. It does not roll or make any noise, but it has a drawing power in proportion to its size and charge.

Many of us want to be magnets to draw people to the Lord. This is a good desire and may be put into operation if one is harnessed up to the power house properly. But the drawing power that is of so much interest to me is that that operates at a distance as well as near by. A meeting was in progress in a certain town. A man was in the field plowing twenty miles away. Suddenly he stopped, deliberately unhitched his horse from the plow, went to the house, told his wife he felt a peculiar drawing to go to that town and he was not able to resist it so he was going. He knew nothing of the meeting, but when he arrived in the

town the first thing he heard was something about the meeting. It was the town talk and nothing else claimed the attention of the people. The gentleman concluded to attend the meeting and see for himself. The drawing power was still on him. It was no trouble to get him to the altar and salvation ran like a flood until midnight and after.

People attended that meeting by the thousands. Many decided during the day that they would not go that night, but when night came they could not stay away. Some were so determined they would not go that they put on their night clothes and retired for rest, but there was no rest. The drawing power was so great that they got up out of the bed, put on their Sunday clothes and hastened to the meeting almost at break-neck speed. Some arrived just in time for the altar service and ran in and fell at the altar and got saved. Others could not wait for the preaching to cease, but fell into the altar and wept their way clear through to Calvary, and often there was so much noise and disturbance by the seekers that the sermon was never finished.

This is the kind of drawing power I am talking about. In a grove meeting where thousands were assembled and multitudes were getting saved a little boy who was in the congregation suddenly got up and ran out of the crowd. As he seemed to be actuated by some peculiar power hundreds of people ran after him. Down in the woods he leaped upon a big log and turned and began to preach to his pursuers. Presently he took his handkerchief from his pocket, wadded it up in his hand, held it straight out before him in plain view of all, and dropped it and as it fell three hundred or more people fell to the ground and began screaming and crying to God for mercy. There is a demonstration of that drawing power that draws. It has a tremendous effect wherever it goes. A display of God's wonderful power is always effective for good. I always like it.

When I used to be in revival work regularly I was never satisfied, and never considered my work worth anything without that cloud of power, as I called it, could settle down over the congregations. Not until then could I have much hope of success. Preaching would not do. A big congregation and a few coming to the altar did not meet my demands. I must have the power turned loose from the sky or somewhere and settle down on the heads of the people. I liked to see it on the fashion as described in the tenth chapter of Acts. "While Peter yet spake," the power fell, and the other tongues followed.

I would like for the Church of God to drop everything that tends to make people dreyed and tough in their spirit and get in that attitude before God that He would honor us with an abundance of that wonderful drawing power. Years ago a certain evangelist was preaching nightly sermons. Large crowds attended and he thought surely God would give him a sweeping revival. But night after night passed with no sign of a revival. He preached fine, and every night after the service closed it was common to hear exclamations—"Wasn't that a wonderful sermon!" "The best sermon I ever listened at!" The preaching was the talk of the town. It went on for more than a week, and every night it was the same, and the congregation hurried off home as soon as the sermon was over. Every

body seemed happy over it but the preacher. He was disgusted and unhappy. He got tired of the friendly words and complimentary handshakes. He wanted something else. What could he do? He was tempted to close the meeting and leave the town. He wanted to see souls saved, but no body seemed interested. There was no power of God—no drawing power demonstrated. He resorted to prayer. He pleaded and wrestled and agonized and promised the Lord anything, "only give me souls," he said. At last the spell was broken, the drawing power began to work, and the revival was on. It was then no more "what a great sermon," but the whole talk was about the flood of salvation that was pouring in upon the town, and counting the converts. Then the preacher was happy. The victory was won by prayer.

When Joseph first made himself known to his brethren they were so amazed that they stood speechless, and almost ready to run. But immediately he said, "Come near to me." And the drawing power was so strong that they came near. Doubtless they felt mean and that they deserved a scolding and even worse than that, but when he got them all up close to him he talked to them in a kind, loving way as if they had been good boys all their lives. Listen, "I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved or angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life." There was no scolding, no accusing them of their meanness, but the most loving and tender words that could come from a brother's mouth. It was that tender, loving, drawing power that won the brothers to Joseph. I wonder why he did not call them by names and abuse them and accuse them of treating him wrong and make it as hard for them as possible. But, no, his was not that kind of a disposition. Joseph had the love of God in his heart and wanted to draw his brethren to him instead of a desire to drive them away. "Come near to me," sounded that sweet tender voice that carried with it a drawing power that was not to be resisted by the guiltiest one of the eleven.

Sammy Morris, the Kru boy, was saturated with this drawing power. The first night in America he won nearly a score of souls for Christ. The first Sunday on American soil, he was taken to a Sunday school and the superintendent invited him to speak a few words to the school. At this juncture the attention of the superintendent was called to some duty in the school for a few moments. The school laughed when he commenced, but "when I looked," said the superintendent afterward, "and lo, the altar was full of our young people, weeping and sobbing. I never could find out what he said, but the presence and manifesting power of the Holy Spirit were so sensible that the entire place was filled with His glory." If a little black African boy, untutored and untrained as he was, could have God with him so powerfully, why not others just as well?

When Elijah was about to perform one of the most wonderful exploits ever recorded on the pages of history he called for all the people to "Come near unto me, and all the people came near unto him." There was a drawing power about Elijah. When he called for the people to come near they came immediately. He seemed to be saturated with divine power that had a tendency to draw people after him. As he walked into a field one day where one was plowing the man left his plow and oxen and ran after him, and acted as if he were go-

ing on with him, but Elijah said unto him, "Go back again; for what have I done to thee?" And the man returned to his plow again, but only to stay for a short time, for only a little later he was with Elijah and never left him any more until Elijah was taken up into heaven.

It seems that some few people have such a drawing power that they will gain friends and wield an influence for good in the face of the bitterest oppositions, while others who have little or no opposition are never able to get much following let them try every scheme they may invent. Investigation always proves that men who are saturated with that drawing power that draws have been men of earnest, agonizing prayer. It is God that draws but He does it in answer to prayer. A person becomes deeply spiritual by an uncompromising consecration and by earnest and powerful praying. I think it is time we had a thousand walking magnets. Men who are so filled and thrilled with God's presence and power that their very presence will draw people to God that they may be filled with all His fullness. Truly a display of God's wonderful power is always effective for good. And this is what is wanted by the Church of God today.

It is an acknowledged fact that greater power will be demonstrated just before the return of our Lord. The people that know God will be strong and do exploits. The wicked will also do wonders. "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:24) But while the enemy works, the Lord's people are drawing closer to God and one another. They are waxing stronger and multiplying in number. They are gaining in knowledge, wisdom and power. And if Jesus should come next Sunday multitudes would feel the magnetic touch and fly away to meet Him in the air. Of this time Jesus says, "Where-soever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together." (Matt. 24:28)

There was so much of the divine about Elijah that he could not die. The same was true of Enoch who "was not for God took him." And it is going to take the same divine nature coursing through every avenue of the being to assure the translation that is looked forward to with such joy and happy anticipation. And this divine in sufficient quantity will give the possessor of it the drawing power that draws. This being true then surely every one should seek to be a drawer rather than a driver. People cannot be forced to turn away from sin and accept Christ, but that wonderful drawing power is a successful factor to that end. And without that drawing power that wins souls and edifies and blesses believers, it becomes a question as to whether one would be fortunate enough to get to go with the saints to the marriage supper or not.

Now, beloved, let us make another effort, by consecration and prayer, to become more spiritual and get in closer touch with God and in a stronger band of fellowship with one another. It largely depends upon individual effort, although we can be a help to each other. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. And there is an experience that keeps a heavenly atmosphere about you that will effect those who may come in your presence. The very best experience is none too good for any one. The wise virgins of Matthew twenty-five are in the very lowest rank that will have the high and exalted honor of going to the marriage supper of the Lamb. There are

other ranks above that I want our people to be in. Why don't we all want the very best attainable through Christ? Why not make the necessary effort and consecration to get it? It is surely worth far more than all the treasures of this world.

I wish I could make this appear to be of the utmost importance. But only God can do this. But He is faithful and will impart the drawing power that draws to every one that is worthy. Oh that a thousand may be rich possessors of this all important power before the summer is over! Get it, O get it at any cost! Get it for the sake of Jesus and the salvation of souls.

C. H. Prince, pastor of Rossville, Ga., and helpers were running a revival meeting and J. L. Scott and his adherents served an injunction on them, had them put out of their own house and went in themselves and started a meeting. Now our people at Rossville are without a place of worship except a private house. How does this sound after our people have paid their own money for the property, and had a lot of material on the ground to enlarge the house? This means a lawsuit or our folks just give up and let them take their property. What do you think about it now? Do you think it would be right to go to sleep and not try to do anything to recover the property? Of course you don't. Then please pray for Brother Prince and the brethren involved at Rossville. Ask God to sustain and comfort them during this severe trial, and while they are deprived of the use of the house. This same thing was done at North Chattanooga some time ago and the Judge ruled them out and put our people back into their house. I am giving this bit of information so that our people may know what kind of people Mr. Scott and his few followers are. It will help you to know better how to pray.

Foreign Mission Day falls on the ninth of July this time.

Quite a number of new Sunday schools are being started this quarter. This is fine and we are glad to furnish free literature for one quarter for new schools when it is wanted free.

We are glad to supply our friends with copies and rolls of the Evangel for free distribution to help them in securing subscriptions. Get them and distribute in your meetings and do all you can to help us put the paper in new homes. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Many good words are coming in from the field telling of great meetings where souls are weeping their way to Calvary and getting the fullness of the blessing. They tell of sinners saved, believers sanctified, and holy people baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance. We are always glad to hear such good news. Praise the Lord.

There is every evidence of a great growth of Sunday school work. We have been over run with orders for literature for weeks and we have sent away loads and loads, some about every day. Our supply of lesson leaves is entirely exhausted so you need not order any more. If you want more leaves we will be obliged to substitute quarterlies. We have plenty of quarterlies and cards yet and a few of the big picture rolls. We will serve you promptly when you order.

The Evangel Drive

It will be remembered that in connection with the big Evangel Drive just past that the General Overseer was authorized to set a day some time after it was over as a Day of Jubilee to rejoice because the battle was fought, the victory won, and the mountain was cast into the sea. After it was learned that, while the drive was considered a wonderful success, it fell short and did not put us over the top, mention was made about it in the Evangel but there has been no response concerning the Day of Jubilee, but there has been much interest shown about finishing up the drive. I give below a letter containing a proposition to finish up the drive. And I feel like giving it weighty consideration because it comes from one of the Twelve, and this proposition shows his interest in the matter.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been thinking for several days about writing and making a proposition through the paper, so here it is:

If three hundred of us will give fifty dollars a piece, we can pay the fifteen thousand dollars debt off of the Evangel. As many as will give this amount send in your name and address to Brother Tomlinson. I am asking him to put my name at the head of the list.

S. W. Latimer,
Spring Place, Ga.

Brother Latimer explains further that he will be ready to send his check for his fifty dollars just as soon as three hundred names are received. Now, I do not feel like ignoring this proposition, but rather feel it is worthy of sincere consideration coming from the source it does and here it is now as a starter to finish up the drive. I will look for a hurried response from three hundred persons. You only have to write me that you will be one of the three hundred and your name will be added to the list. Pray about this and see what God will have you do.

I have another good letter before me from O. W. Thomas of West Virginia urging the continuance of the drive until we go over the top. I will give a part of this letter:

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been thinking upon the Evangel Drive and of what little success we had in lifting the great debt and burden from the Evangel. This literature must not cease to be published. The little white winged messenger and the Faithful Standard, O how grand! I have spoken of the Church of God literature publicly and truly say it is the best literature published on earth. Then can we let this literature cease to be published? I say, No!

Then he proceeds to make some good suggestions as to how this drive may be continued. He is in high favor of its continuance until every dollar is paid, and finishes up by saying, "I am sure I will do my best."

Brother Thomas is one of our leading ministers in West Virginia and I am sure he has the work on his heart and is willing to make any sacrifice to see this debt removed.

I am laying this subject before the public in the fear and love of God and will await a response. I will be expecting to hear from many. I would love to call the Day of Jubilee as my part in the drive as given in the governing rules, but do not feel that it could be a first class Jubilee if we are not over the top. I will expect a hearty response to Brother Latimer's proposition. Let us pray and believe God for final victory.

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recting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send
us reports of interest from the battle-
field. If nothing else a postal card
telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medi-
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A Light Seen by Many

On June 14th we closed a three
weeks meeting at Belton, S. C. Broth-
er Ed Johnson was in charge of the
meeting assisted by the following
workers, Brother and Sister Hanvey,
Sister Sallie O. Lee, Brother Otis
Holbrook, also Sister Delle Chandler
who was with us part of the time un-
til she was called home.

During the meeting there were
thirty-seven saved, fifteen sanctified,
six received the Holy Ghost and
Brother Johnson set the Church in or-
der with seventeen members. The
Lord blessed in giving out the Word.
His wonderful power was manifested
in many ways during the meeting.

On Saturday night before the ser-
vice closed there was a great light
seen by many under the tent. The
Lord did wonderfully bless in praying
for the sick. Some were healed by
the great power of God. Glory be to
Him.

Dear saints, please pray for the
band at this place that God may help
them to stand true till Jesus comes.
Yours for lost souls,
Myrtle Whitehead.

Sunday School Conven- tion a Success

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in
Jesus' Name:

We have just closed a very inter-
esting Sunday school convention at
this place.

In January our pastor, E. C. Scar-
brough, organized our Sunday school
and made it a graded Sunday school.
We ordered the little Bible lessons
for children by Luther A. Richard, al-
so graded the children on that work.

I decided to have a convention
the second Sunday in June. Brother
Scarbrough offered a ten dollar prize
to the one making the highest grade.
This encouraged the children to be
on time and have good lessons. All
seemed to enjoy the convention and
the presence of the Lord was with us.
Brothers Trim and Gullett from Tru-
man were with us. Brother Trim de-
livered the opening address Saturday
evening, followed by other speakers
on interesting subjects. We had
all day services Sunday and din-
ner on the ground. Sunday night
was given for the children's program.
We had a very interesting and im-
pressive program of songs, recita-
tions, drills, tableau etc. Brother
Scarbrough presented a nice Bible to
Lear Lanier for making the highest
grade. This convention was a real
success. All seemed to be encouraged
and are determined to do more to
build an ideal Sunday school than
ever before.

Mrs. Ella Peck,
Imboden, Ark.

Our God Will Fight For Us

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints Scattered Abroad—Grace be
to You and Peace From God our
Father and From the Lord Jesus
Christ:

I can truly thank God for bringing
me safe over the hungry ocean. I
left Nassau on May 4th for Crooked

Island but I had to stop at Long Cay
a few days. The Lord used me in
giving out the wonderful gospel and
many were truly convinced of the
truth. They did not want me to leave
and are longing for a holiness preach-
er to come to their rescue. Brother
James Southerland met me at Long
Cay the evening before and we had
a wonderful meeting. Souls were
weeping under conviction.

We left the next morning for
Crooked Island and arrived there the
same day. Brother Stanley Ferguson
was waiting there to receive us.
Praise the dear name of Jesus! We
had a very hard fight with the enemy
but God gave us the victory. There
were three saved, two sanctified and
four received the Holy Ghost. The
enemy is strong but Christ is strong-
er. Our God will fight for us. We
are trusting in our God who hath
made all things. We have a Church
of God band here on fire for Jesus.
The Lord used Brother Stanley won-
derfully last Sunday night in laying
hands on three of the brethren and
they received the Holy Ghost. Acts
19:6. We can see that the signs do
follow His believers. Mark 16:20.

The meeting held on Sunday is one
that will be long remembered. Dif-
ferent languages were spoken by the
Spirit and everybody was on fire for
Jesus. Everybody is against us here.
They say we bewitch the people but,
bless God, He is working just the
same. Satan's kingdom must come
down. Brother Stanley and Brother
James were holding a street meeting
and the people drove them away and
set the dogs upon them. We just
praised God and gave Him the glory
for we knew Jesus was at hand and
this gospel must be preached. If we
close our mouths the stones will have
to cry out. We haven't a church
built here yet but we are holding
meetings in Brother Stanley's home.
He is trying his best to get a church
built. I organized a Sunday school
and the Lord surely did bless.

Yours in Christ,
Clemencia J. Mallory, evangelist.

IN MEMORY OF

WOODS
The Lord saw fit to call Sister
Marilda Woods home to rest June 20,
1922.

She has lived a Christian life ever
since she was fifteen years old. She
was a Missionary Baptist for several
years but became a member of the
Church of God in January of last
year. She was also baptized with the
Holy Ghost.

She leaves her husband and three
children to mourn her departure.
The funeral was conducted by the
writer,

C. R. Sisk.

LIPPS
On June 23, 1922, the death angel
called Sister Lipps, age 95 years,
home to be with Jesus.

She was a faithful servant. Broth-
er Larrison baptized her in water.
She was a member of the Church of
God and had a good experience. When
she passed away she waved her hand
and said, "Oh, that city! That City!"
The funeral service was conducted
by Brother Lewis Larrison of Wal-
tersville, Ky.

One who loved her,
Sister Dosier,
Winchester, Ky.

SMITH

Brother Archie C. Smith was born
in 1884 and died April 23, 1922, at
Jacksonville, Fla.

Brother Smith was saved, sancti-
fied and baptized with the Holy Ghost
and fire July 1, 1919. At the time of
his death he was deacon and treasurer
of the church.

He was taken sick in October, 1921,
was prayed for and got up so he could
get about but took sick again and
gave up in February, 1922. Through-
out all of his sickness he was patient,
looking to Jesus for his doctor and
healer. His last words were, "Jesus,
Jesus."

He leaves to mourn his death, a
loving wife and two sisters.
Edward S. Jones,
Jacksonville, Fla.

BATTLEFIELDS

S. A. Douglas reports a meeting
held at Nauvoo, Ala. Two were
saved, one sanctified and five received
the Holy Ghost and the saints en-
couraged to press on.

We have just closed a four weeks
meeting at Maylene, Ala. It was a
good meeting. Four were saved, one
sanctified and one filled with the Holy
Ghost. The two Brother Dukes and
their wives were with us. Brother
Jack Duke gave out the Word with
power, reports C. W. Mills.

Wants Holy Ghost

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints of God's Church:

I am a man seventy-one years old.
When I was fifteen years old I pro-
fessed a hope in God and lived an up
and down life about fifty years. Six
years ago I let the Lord sanctify me
and I quit the business of sin. I have
been rejoicing in the Lord ever since
and I thought I had the Holy Ghost
but a few weeks ago some of the
Church of God people came up from
Nashville and held a few days meet-
ing at our church, New Bethel. I be-
gan reading my Bible and I soon
learned I didn't have the Holy Ghost
and now I am hungering and thirst-
ing to be filled with the Holy Ghost.
Oh, how I praise God for sending those
saints up here to lead me in the light
of the Holy Ghost. I ask the prayers
of the dear saints everywhere to be
filled with the Holy Ghost and to be
a bright shining light for God.

Your brother in Christ,
John T. Fuller,
R. 2, Portland, Tenn.

REQUESTS

Flora Pitts desires prayer that she
will receive the Holy Ghost and fire.

Mannie Walker, Fitzgerald, Ga., re-
quests prayer for her unsaved chil-
dren.

Lilla Pitts, Lenox, Ga., asks the
saints to pray for her father to be
saved.

Mrs. E. S. Wells, Kentwood, La., asks
the saints to pray that she will be
completely healed.

Mrs. Mollie Peterson, Lenox, Ga.,
wishes the saints to pray for her
husband to be saved.

C. W. Mills, Maylene, Ala., asks all
who read this to pray for him to
receive the Holy Ghost.

Georgia Peterson, Lenox, Ga., requests
prayer for her father to be saved
and see the light on holiness.

K. E. Proctor asks prayer to be filled
with the Holy Ghost and for her
husband and children to be saved.

Francis E. Davis, Atlanta, Ga., asks
prayer that God will save some of
his unsaved nation (Assyrians).

Mrs. Bessie Bailey, Roope, Tenn., asks
prayer for her unsaved husband and
for her body to be healed.

Thula Bradshaw, Norwood, Mo., de-
sires prayer for her little boy's eyes
to be healed. He is almost blind.

Belle Miller, Red Bay, Ala., desires
prayer for her father, mother, sis-
ters and brothers to receive the Holy
Ghost.

Mrs. Leila L. Hogg, Dunbarton, S. C.,
wants all the saints who read this
to pray for her husband, brother
and five children.

A. J. Rich, Marietta, Ga., wants all
the saints to pray for his children
and other loved ones to seek God
with their whole hearts.

Mrs. Nellie Gilbert, Walbridge, Ohio,
asks the saints to pray for a sister,
Mrs. C. M. Johnson, of that place,
to be healed of a tumor.

Mrs. Minnie Youngblood, Fonde, Ky.,
requests prayer of the saints that
her little boy will be healed of stom-
ach and lung trouble.

Saphronia Martin, London, Ark., de-
sires prayer to be healed of stomach
trouble and for her husband and son
to be saved and come this way.

Myrtle McBrayer, Empire, Ala., re-
quests prayer for the Lord to heal
her of stomach trouble. Pray for
her children to be saved.

Barney Hinkle, Johnston City, Ill.,
asks all the saints to pray for her
father to be sanctified and baptized
with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Rosa Wilson, Warrior, Ala., asks
prayer for her and her husband to
live in such a way that they can
raise their children right.

Olive Hinkle, Johnson City, Ill., wants
all who read this to pray for her
husband to be sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost.

C. L. Daugherty, Dayton, Tenn., wants
the saints to pray that the Lord
will give him more opportunities to
preach and direct him where to go.

Susey Eaton asks all the Evangel
readers to pray that the Lord will
heal her body of pellagra. Also
pray for her unsaved husband and
sons.

Mrs. M. L. Edwards, Sherman, Texas,
desires prayer for one who really
needs help from the Lord. Pray for
her to be healed, both soul and
body.

Sister Lillian Bates, Dennis, Miss.,
asks all the saints to fast and ear-
nestly pray that the Lord will pro-
vide for her to go out in the work
for Him.

Elva McFadden, Roosevelt, Ark., re-
quests all the praying people to pray
that she will be saved, sanctified
and filled with the Holy Ghost and
healed of a cancer.

Mary Bell Johnson, Eldorado, Ill.,
wants every one who reads this to
help pray for her three girls who are
out in sin. Also pray that she will
be healed of throat trouble.

Jessie Mae Hickey, Wilscot, Ga., re-
quests prayer for the Church of God
at Due, Ga., to hold on to God and
stay humble. Also pray for Sarah
Davis to be healed of stomach
trouble.

Jisey Keeton, Helenwood, Tenn., wants
the saints everywhere to pray ear-
nestly for her and her husband to
be sanctified and filled with the Holy
Ghost. Also pray for God to
send some good workers to that
place.

Carrie Whittington, Liberty, Miss.,
wishes the saints to pray for the
Lord to heal a man of McComb,
Miss., who has a cancer on his
mouth, and for Mr. Bill Whitting-
ton's eye to be healed and that he
will be saved, sanctified and bap-
tized with the Holy Ghost. Contin-
ue to pray for her father to receive
the Holy Ghost.

NOTICES

I would like to know the where-
abouts and spiritual condition of W.
H. Meeks. I would be glad of any in-
formation.

J. L. Harrison,
Box 72, Jesup, Ga.

We will begin a meeting at Moor-
head, Miss., the third Sunday in July.
Everybody invited to come.
One of the members,
Maude Nevel.

If any one would like for me to
hold a meeting please write me. I
will be ready some time in July.

W. L. Reynolds,
R. 2, Box 46, Carrollton, Ala.

I am now out in the evangelistic
work and ready to receive calls. If
you want a meeting held please write
me.

Bun E. Hicks,
Box 38, South Charleston, W. Va.

Instead of announcing our meeting
to begin at New Home church, Whig-
ham, Ga., to begin on second Sunday
it should have read third Sunday in
this month.

E. M. Barnett,
Cairo, Ga.

A revival will begin at Altoona, Ala.,
July 16th. We are expecting Brother
and Sister Newman with us and prob-
ably our overseer. We will be glad
for others to come and help us. We
need some good help. Pray that many
will be saved, sanctified and filled with
the Holy Ghost.

Humbly,
G. M. Newsom.

A revival tent meeting will begin at
Haynes, Ark., July 15th and will con-
tinue as long as the Lord leads.
Brother and Sister H. A. Pressgrove
and helpers will be in charge.

Come and help make the meeting
a great success. Pray that God will
make this the best meeting ever held
here.

Jesse Danehower,
Haynes, Ark.

Brother Durham of Harriman, Tenn.,
and Brother Martin of Cookeville will
begin a revival here July 16th to con-
tinue as long as the Lord leads. We
beg an interest in your prayers that
God will destroy many of Satan's
strongholds.

We invite any of God's servants who
believe in a full salvation to come
and assist us.

Your brother in Christ,
T. L. Green,
Rockwood, Tenn.

The tent meeting which was an-
nounced to begin July 8, at the
church two and one half miles west
of Vandalia, Ark., will not begin till
July 22.

Brother S. S. Monroe will be in
charge of this meeting and we are ex-
pecting other help. We will appre-
ciate the help of those who feel led to
come. We earnestly desire the Evan-
gel family to join us in prayer that
God will do wonderful works at this
place.

Viola Horton, clerk.

To Whom it May Concern:
We need a Holy Ghost revival for
people here have never heard the full
gospel. Any one who wants to do his
or her part in harvesting souls will be
well taken care of while here. Don't
wait but write us at once in regard to
coming.

We are not members of the great
Church of God but believe in her teach-
ings. We do not have an opportunity
to attend Church of God meetings but
the blessed Comforter has been abid-
ing in my soul over a year and I
know that is the only church men-
tioned in the Book.

Write at once about full particulars,
to

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wiechman,
Piper City, Ill.

Correction

In the Evangel Drive Report, dated
June 10th, the report for Omaha, Ark.,
was \$4.54 when it should have been
\$13.64; in the Evangel dated June
17th, Circleville, Ohio, was given
credit for \$6.26 and Lancaster, Ohio,
\$3.06 and the amounts should be re-
versed, Circleville, \$3.06 and Lan-
caster, \$6.26.

Help Our Orphans

To Our Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
to All the Saints in Christ Jesus—
Greetings in the Holy Name of Je-
sus Our Lord:

Thank God, I am at home this
beautiful Sunday, thinking of the
dear good people of God I have met
recently and for the past seven
months at the various churches and
mission points in Virginia, who love
the truth and love to hear about our
Orphanage and Childrens Home in
Cleveland, Tenn.

It does my soul good to see the
good reports in the Evangel how
God opens the hearts of the people
to send good things to the home for
the benefit of our dear little father-
less and motherless lambs. It re-
minds me of James 1:27, "Pure reli-
gion and undefiled before God and the
Father is this, To visit the fatherless
and widows in their affliction, and to
keep himself unspotted from the
world." James meant to do just what

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we are doing, to go down in our pock-
ets and get the cash and go in our
garners and get the wheat and corn
to feed them and supply their needs.

Oh, glory to God, I am so glad He
ever laid it on me to give my life to
work for the support of the dear lit-
tle helpless suffering babes of our
country. Friends, it is real heaven in
the heart to know that the mighty
hand of God is upon this work and
that I am in it. Don't you want to
get into the blessing too? If you do
just commence to give to the support
of the orphan children and the more
you give the bigger the shower of
blessing you will get. Let us do like
old Ezekiel says in the 18th chapter.
Suppose we give bread to the hungry
and clothe the naked with a garment,
then we have promise of life. Well,
suppose we start to give bread, by
each committee giving one barrel of
flour. (Ship it by freight.) I suggest
this as wheat will soon be cheapest
for the year. Take up an offering
from your neighbors, buy the barrel
of flour and ship it right to the
Orphans Home. As the number of
children will increase, it will help if
some of the churches will do the
same thing and you, too, will be in
the shower of blessing that those
dear little orphans will pray down up-
on you from their heavenly Father.

Can't you feel the very presence of
God as you think of giving some
bread to feed those hungry lambs?
The tears of joy fill my eyes so I have
to stop writing and just praise God
for the showers now.

When you come to the Assembly
and see the little lambs on the stage,
reciting many verses and singing the
beautiful songs, as it were, from heav-
en and you think how you helped to
send that barrel of flour from your
church your heart will melt and you
will praise God for doing your duty.

I am sorry to say that some of the
committees have neglected their duty.
What is the trouble? Dear sheep, do
you need the lambs' food? Is not God
blessing you with life and health and
strength and did you not promise to
do your best? If we do our best God
will do His best and two of the kind
will meet, then the joy of the meeting
when we meet God and God meets
us.

Thank God for the dear people of
Kentucky. They are living in James
2:14-18, proving their faith by their
works. Praise God! They love in
deed and in truth according to 1
John 3:17, 18. Thank God for such

people. I pray God some more states
will follow dear old Kentucky.

May the dear Lord our God bless
all the churches and committees and
all the workers on the field and in the
home. We will all get our reward in
heaven where there will be no dead
fathers and mothers and the orphans
will know their Father then who is
caring for them now.

Your humble servant in the love of
Jesus,
William Milton Croy,
Box 95, Radford, Va.

Shall Reign a Thousand Years

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints
Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus'
Dear Name:

I am praying the Lord for full and
free salvation. Glory to God.
"He that overcometh the same shall
be clothed in white raiment; and I
will not blot out his name out of the
book of life, but I will confess his
name before my Father, and before
his angels." Rev. 3:5. I want to be
one that overcomes and be ready to
go when the Lord comes or calls for
me.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath
part in the first resurrection: on such
the second death hath no power, but
they shall be priests of God and of
Christ, and shall reign with him a
thousand years." Rev. 20:6.

I can't praise and thank God enough
for what He has done for me. He
has done so much. Glory to Jesus!
I want to praise Him for His healing
power. He healed me last Sunday
night and it seems like everything is
brighter than it was before.

I am not as close to the Lord as I
want to be. I want to be so humble
that when I am walking around that
people can see Jesus dwelling in my
body. Oh, how sad to see so many
people going down to a devil's hell.

We observed the Lord's supper and
feet washing and the Lord worked in
a wonderful way. One sister played
under the power. Bless His holy and
righteous name forever!

Pray for the camp meeting at Ma-
nor, Ga., which is to be held in August
and for the Lord to bless the people.
Also pray for my husband to be
saved.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Emma Beverly,
Manor, Ga.

SATAN BOUND—THE MILLENNIUM BEGUN

(Apocalypse, Chapter 20:1-7)

F. J. Lee

Ques. After the great rejoicing over the fall of Babylon, which fall is both spiritual and literal, what then takes place?

Ans. An angel comes down to the earth, having the key of the bottomless pit, also a great chain in his hand.

Ques. Is this angel who has the key the same angel that shall turn the wicked angels out of the pit?

Ans. No. That angel has not the key nor authority over the pit until given to him by those in authority. See Chapter 9:1.

Ques. Who has authority over, and conquered death, hell and the grave?

Ans. Jesus. "I have the keys of hell and of death."

Ques. What does the angel who has the key and chain, also has power to seal, do?

Ans. He finds Satan and casts him into the bottomless pit and shuts him up and sets a seal upon him.

Ques. Why will he do this?

Ans. "That he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled."

Ques. Where has Satan been all this time?

Ans. Since losing his first estate (see Jude 6) his throne has been in the air above us and referred to as "the prince of the power of the air" but at the rapture of the saints he will be cast down to the earth and will come in great wrath knowing that his time will be short, only three and one half years, but he will make use of the time he will have left and will greatly deceive the nations through the antichrist and false prophet but now at the close of the tribulation he will be bound and cast into the pit.

Ques. After John seeing that Satan was bound, what further did he see?

Ans. He saw "people sitting upon thrones, also those who were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and the Word of God, they too were reigning with Jesus because they had died a martyr's death."

Ques. What do the living creatures and twenty-four elders sing in chapter 5:9?

Ans. "And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Ques. Where is this reign of the saints to take place?

Ans. John saw all saints represented by the man child, also the martyred saints of the tribulation reigning on this earth.

Ques. What then is this period that John saw after Satan is bound?

Ans. This is the period known as the Millennium.

Ques. Is the word Millennium in the Bible?

Ans. No, not just this word but its equivalent. The saints are to reign with Christ the thousand years and the Millennium means thousand years. *Mille*, thousand, *Annus*, years.

Ques. Why shall a special crowd die a martyr's death during the tribulation?

Ans. It will fall their lot to choose between receiving the mark of the beast and death, so they will choose death instead.

Ques. Why will they be able to resist the antichrist and boldly go to the martyr's death?

Ans. They will be the class of people that get the oil after the main rapture and will, therefore, be able to resist the antichrist.

Ques. Why will they know to resist him and not receive the mark like thousands of others will?

Ans. The fullness of the Spirit will reveal these things just like He is revealing to Spirit-filled people today, yet owing to the necessity of the

time, doubtless, the Spirit will show up these things more clearly so they will boldly stand for the Word of God and resist the antichrist.

Ques. What part of the resurrection will they belong to?

Ans. They are of the gleaning of the first resurrection, that is the finishing up of the first resurrection.

Ques. Who are to come forth in this first resurrection?

Ans. Perhaps I have answered this before, but this chapter has led up to it, so it will not be out of order to impress this upon the minds of many people, that only the blessed and holy shall have part in the first resurrection. See verse 6.

Ques. What will be some of the work of these holy kings?

Ans. At first they are to judge between the goat nations and the sheep nations as spoken of in Matt. 25. Later they will rule the sheep nations with a rod of iron.

Ques. Does this not represent the Christian and the sinner who will stand on the right and left of the throne of God, and the sinner cast down to hell, but the righteous remain in heaven?

Ans. No. This is the judgment of the nations. Those nations that have been cruel to the Lord's brethren (the Jews) are referred to as goat nations. Those nations who have been favorable to His brethren (the Jews) will be referred to as sheep nations.

Ques. According to the judgment of Jesus and the reigning kings, what will be the sentence of each class of nations?

Ans. The goat nations will be lost forever from that time but the sheep nations will enter everlasting life.

In this instance these two words are taken from the words *aión* and *zoe* meaning age to come and vitality or, in other words, the sheep nations will not be destroyed with the antichrist's armies, but will enter with vitality in the age to come (Millennium). This is the judgment by the holy kings.

Ques. Perhaps some will say, Are not these angels that come with Him to judge the nations?

Ans. I know the statement is that He comes with all the holy angels but the word angel doesn't mean the same every time, the pastors of the seven churches are referred to as angels.

Ques. Who did Enoch prophesy would come with Him?

Ans. "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints."

Ques. Who did Zechariah say would come with Him?

Ans. "The Lord my God shall come and all the saints with thee."

Ques. Are angels to sit in judgment at any time?

Ans. No. We as saints are to judge even angels.

Ques. Should we not treat the Jew with love and respect?

Ans. Yes, our Lord was a Jew and we should love them because salvation was first from the Jew.

Ques. What great nation has greatly tortured the Jews?

Ans. The Russians, also the Turkish nation.

Ques. What country does Ezekiel say is to receive a special blow?

Ans. Gog, the land of Magog. Ezek. 38.

Ques. What land is this today?

Ans. Wise men have located it to be Russia and those who ally with her in the last days.

Ques. Would not individuals come under this judgment the same as nations for persecuting the Jews?

Ans. Yes, I am sure it is so for God deals with nations and individuals the same way. When men break God's law they suffer the penalty so it is with nations. The Assyrian is to be the rod of His indignation against the Jews. Isa. 10:5. So if we join in persecution we join with the Assyrian (antichrist).

(To be Continued)

GOD LOVES THE INFIDEL

Wm. H. Black

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

I call your attention to this Scripture because I was conducting a revival near the home of an infidel who was ninety-five years old and was blind, both naturally and spiritually. I called on him one afternoon and told him I had come to pray for him. He laughed me to scorn and replied, "You may curse if you like but I don't want any of your praying around me." I tried to reason the matter but had no success as I could see at that time. I remained two or three hours but we could not agree by any means. I had to leave with lots of abuse and having hard things said to me and about my blessed Savior. I was reminded of the Scripture in Matt. 12:32 and would be consoled some but I wanted that precious soul saved so I continued praying for him.

I visited him again at another date and found no change except he had learned to love me but he called us holy devils and everything he could think of. I tried to tell him about Jesus and His power to save. He would stop me and say, "Jesus is a man just like you and are you a pretty good boy, I think, and Jesus was a pretty good man, I guess, I don't know, but one thing sure, Jesus

is not ahead of me. I never have bowed to a man and as Jesus is just a man, I will not bow to Him." I told him that he would have to come by and through Jesus.

Another Scripture for a character like him, "He that believeth on him (Jesus) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, (why) because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." We can see that we must come by the way of Jesus.

The brethren living near this man kept on praying and holding on to the Lord for him. At a very recent date this man became very sick in his body and was almost ready to pass out into eternity without God or hope of heaven. He said he felt the jaws of death and hell take hold of him and he sent for the brethren who had just left the room to come at once and pray earnestly that God would take him in at the last hour. I thank God for His goodness. He heard the prayers of the brethren and wonderfully saved his soul. Glory! Glory! I can say a truth that God loves the infidel.

He sent for me to come and preach at his home just as soon as I could get there. I gladly accepted the invitation, went to his home and conducted a service which he was well pleased with. After the Lord had blessed us and he had praised God and shouted for awhile he asked me if he belonged to the Church of God. I told him he did not and asked him if he wanted to present himself to the Church. He said, "Just as soon as I can." I read to him from 1 Minutes of the Assembly some things we stand for and against and he said

that was the finest thing he had ever heard of. Then Eph. 5:25-27 was read to him and as I finished these Scriptures he began to shout and praise God and to thank God for men who were firm and not wavering and would preach the truth. We took him into the Church of God at Mt. Olive so instead of saying old Jack Cantrell, we are saying Brother Cantrell. Praise God! I know God loves the infidel.

I have often said that God can show honest people that the Church of God is the Bible Church and surely any one who reads this will believe that this is so and admonish every one who is out of the ark of safety to give heed to my text, John 3:16-18, and see if this doesn't appeal to you who are lost. My heart is bleeding now because of the lost world. I mean to give my future life to God and for lost souls, and like the Psalmist David cry out, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." Psa. 26:2. Amen.

No End to His Government.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am truly delighted this morning to sound forth a note of praise to my King for what He has done for me, for I am really sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the wonderful Church of God to which I mean to be loyal till He comes or calls and then I shall continue to be loyal and abide by His government because He said, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." Isa. 9:7. Glory to God! This way just suits me.

Pray for me, I feel so little and unworthy. I do thank God because He has chosen the weak things to glorify God.

Your sister,
Lorena Lee,
Berryton, Ga.

Jesus Can Heal All Diseases

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

I am still saved and want to go on with Jesus, that means the Holy Ghost still abides, and I belong to the dear old Church of God. I feel His sweet Spirit hovering around me now. I thank Him for His healing power. He healed me when I had smallpox. I have been healed many times.

"Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

I want to grow stronger in the Lord and see the need of more of the love of Jesus. I want to be instrumental in helping some one out of darkness. I thank God for the sweet settled peace in my soul.

My heart is hungry for more of God's love and power and I want all the saints everywhere to pray for my family and me that we may get more of God's love. May God bless the saints everywhere.

Your sister in Christ,
R. Y. Maddox,
Huntsville, Ala.

A Price to Pay if We Make Heaven Our Home

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for full and free salvation through the Evangel which I love so well, it is food to my soul as I read the wonderful messages and testimonies.

I can never thank God enough for ever thinking enough of me to pick me up out of this world of sin and saving my lost soul from a devil's hell. I thank Him for the precious blood of Jesus that has been applied to my heart and that I got humble enough to be baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. I can never thank Him enough because He showed me this highway of holiness.

I praise Him for the dear old Church of God and because I am a member of the Church He purchased with His own blood—the pillar and ground of the truth, with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I mean to stand true to death.

Sometimes the tests and trials seem awfully hard but God's precious Word said He would not let any more come upon us than we were able to bear. We know God's people are going to be a tried people. We certainly have got a price to pay if we expect to make heaven our home and that is my determination, no matter what the cost may be.

Pray for me that I may be ready when Jesus comes or calls and that I may be a soul winner and worker for Jesus and warn poor sinners to get right with God before it is too late for today is the day of salvation, we have no promise of tomorrow. The wicked shall be cut off suddenly and that without remedy but we know it is not God's will that any should perish. Pray for my loved ones to be saved before it is too late.

Your unworthy sister in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. Edna Thompson,
W. Lynchburg, Virginia.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To Whom This May Concern: Any minister, clerk or member wishing a notice, request, report or any writing to be printed in the Evangel of a certain date should send writing to the Evangel office at least two weeks before that date, to assure getting it in the paper on the date desired. This applies more especially to notices of meetings and requests for the sick.

CHURCH OF GOD, HEADQUARTERS, CLEVELAND, TENN., HONORED IN CALIFORNIA.

To All the Evangel Family—Greetings From Far Away California:

So far the reports from California have not been very encouraging or elaborate so you will enjoy the bit of news this one brings, I am sure.

This time last year we had to our credit two hundred and fifty people filled with the Holy Ghost. This year we have only about two dozen. At first this seems as if we had almost wasted the year and I will admit, that at times I have almost regretted our trip to the Golden State but He who said for us "not to despise the day of small things," keeps me encouraged.

For many months after coming to Baldwin Park we were scorned by all but a few who seemed to love us from the first. You will remember when I first came here that I accepted an opening in a Pentecostal (?) mission. I did not know (being a stranger) the awful doctrine they taught but soon found that they would not stand for the truth of God's Word and though we had a wonderful revival started, the meeting was closed with apparently little accomplished. Quite a few were hungry, however, to go deeper with God and saw the opportunity, which later resulted in the great Church of God being established with sixteen members. The good people would not come near us thinking we were a bunch of "Holy Rollers," as the mission was called. After I found out all the false teaching the mission taught I could not blame the people of Baldwin Park, I rather admired them, but it was hard to be classed with the other bunch. I knew we were up against a proposition. I had no way to reach them. We could not get them out to our services any way we could manage. I began Bible studies and got what few we did reach established in the true doctrine.

In the meantime the accident occurred which caused husband's death and incurred a heavy debt with no prospect of paying it in any way. After the first shock of the accident, my first thought was to leave this terrible place and go far, far away where I knew I could find friends who would stand by me financially. Then I thought of the many prayers husband and I had piled up at the throne for California. I thought of the noble few who loved the Church here and of how the devil was at work to prevent the Church of God from taking root in California and through my tears I promised God to stay if it took my life.

Weeks rolled by and still we had no congregation. Dear old Brother Hockett bought us a nice tent and we erected it on a good corner lot near the heart of our little town and we began the battle in earnest. The day the tent was brought I began to fast and I told God I would fast as Daniel did, Daniel 10:2, 3, until He brought things to pass and gave me the desire of my heart (a revival in Baldwin Park) that would break the strongholds of sin and provide some way for me to pay my debts which were \$152. I fasted two weeks minus one day without eating or drinking and was in a meeting all the time. Then I began on Daniel's fast. I ate one slice of baker's bread and drank one tumbler of water each day for over two weeks, making a thirty days fast in all. I told no one what I was fasting for and told no one I was fasting but it got out somehow. My son who was with me could hardly stand to see me fast so long. About the end of the second week of my fast we went to the tent as usual and there were only about six present. We had song service and knelt in prayer. The Spirit came upon me and I fell on the floor in a trance. God gave me many visions of the work at this place, also the eternal punishment and a beautiful picture of heaven or paradise. I will tell you only one of the visions.

There appeared before me a large bird's nest, mammoth in size. It seemed to be built on the edge of a steep cliff overlooking a beautiful valley. It was made of all kinds of mixed material cunningly woven together. I could see human bones, hair, large pieces of flesh of dead carcasses, sticks, bottles, twisted cables, old pieces of ropes etc. Inside the nest were many human beings with the look of a lost soul in utter hopelessness. Just above the nest was a large black bird with awful talons and a fiendish expression with his wings outspread over the nest keeping guard. From every direction I could see dark winged messengers coming with food for the occupants of the nest. One had a bone with the blood still dripping, another had a piece of decayed meat, another had a part of the carcass of some beast etc., and they were feeding the ones in this nest with this food(?). I turned away in the vision in horror and the Spirit said, "I have shown you the condition of things in your town. Arise, tear up the bird's nest and rescue lost souls." I cried out when it seemed such a hopeless task, "Not that, oh, Lord, not that." It seemed such an endless task to begin. As I turned to my own spirit I began to pray and agonize for help for the awful task put upon me and as I tarried before God for thirty minutes in prayer and groanings, two women passed before Sister Conrad (our clerk and treasurer). They had never attended any of our services and she went under a burden for them. She did not know what it meant. Her vision of them was spiritual, of course. They told us that before the meeting was over that many people from all over town were gathered around the tent and those who did not come heard us from their homes. I suppose from what I heard later, there was very little sleeping in the town that night. The Spirit prophesied through us that night, of the judgments of God that

would follow if the people did not receive our word, and bid us shake off the dust of our feet against them if they refused to hear us. Though none of us knew that any heard the prophecy the word was all over town in a few hours and oh, such a fear settled down on the town. A holy hush seemed to thrill every one.

From that night the meeting was a success. There were about ten saved, ten sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. The meeting closed June 18th with three additions to the church. Ten were baptized in the river in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. We had feet washing and the Lord's supper at night and God manifested His presence in the usual way. It is wonderful to hear the testimonies of the dear ones who have been rescued.

God gave us favor with the best people of the town and they expressed great sorrow because they had looked down on us as Holy Rollers and classed us with the Pentecostal mission. They enjoyed hearing me denounce the Holy Roller title and never again in this town will we go by that name. We are honored and looked up to as the Church of God, headquarters, Cleveland, Tenn. Now I have many good homes open to me and am living on the "fat of California."

My report would be incomplete and I would not do you justice to close without telling you about the financial side also. One of the ladies that Sister Conrad saw in her vision told us later that in some way God laid me on her heart. She said I was before her constantly and she could not understand it. She dreamed of me at night. She came to see me and asked me frankly of my situation, about the accident and funeral expense and then asked me how much had been paid on it. She went away with a plan in her heart. She is a very broadminded woman and has a wide influence and means of her own. She began (unknown to me) to solicit help for my debts and canvassed the town and entire community and worked faithfully for almost two weeks but told every one to keep quiet about it as she did not want me to know about it until it was all over. The debt at this time was \$127.00. She received the entire amount but was not yet satisfied. She paid the undertaker, got the receipt and deposited the balance in the bank at Baldwin Park in my name, secured a bank and cheque book and one night just as I walked into the pulpit to take my text, an envelope containing the receipt and bank book was handed me with the following words:

"Please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation of your efforts in breaking down the stronghold of sin and saving souls in Baldwin Park, also our sympathy for you in the loss you have sustained while in the work here. May the Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." I was asked to read the note aloud. I tried to and somehow I sobbed through it. I doubt if many heard me. Oh, the billows of love and appreciation that rolled through me at that time. My heart almost burst and I sank to the floor in thanksgiving to God that melted every one to tears. Oh, how wonderful to know He watches over the sparrows. Needless to say my text was forgotten and I arose and sobbed out my joy and appreciation, talked a short while and many came to the altar. How wonderful it is to trust God. He never forgets us.

All year my son has begged to be allowed to go back to the Bible Training School which he so much appreciated being in last term. I would all ways promise he could go but the enemy would say to me, "Where will you get the means, you are already in debt and the railroad fare is so much" but, thank God and the good people of Baldwin Park, the debt is all paid and we have enough for his fare to Bible school.

I must not forget to say that quite a few in the Southern states sent offerings also, amounting to \$17.50. The church at Lubbock, Tex., sent me \$10.70 which was highly appreciated. God bless the big hearted people of Lubbock.

Will you join me in prayer for the dear lady who made up the offering? She is unsaved but oh, what a sweet woman she is. She would make a noble worker for God. She loves the Church of God now and is hungry to know God. Please put her on your prayer list.

I must also tell you of a sister having a vision one Sunday morning of angels above the tent.

One woman was demon possessed and in an awful condition. She came to the altar, the demons were cast out and she was sweetly saved. Her husband was also saved and sanctified. They are seeking their baptism now.

After we announced our baptism, the devil got busy and sent agents from the "Jesus Only" mission to almost each candidate personally and tried to persuade them from being baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They had the audacity to come to the meeting and try to get in their dirty work, but God overruled them. They drug a few back into the mire but if they did not intend to go on to perfection I had rather they would go back before they came into the fold.

Dear ones, you cannot understand the condition of things here unless

you come and see. The filthy nest where all this awful doctrine is hatched denies the blood of Jesus. He went so far as to say the blood shed by Jesus on the cross was no more than the blood of a beast and rotted in the ground and hence had no power. They also teach that the baptism in the name of the Trinity is the mark of the beast.

The good people of Baldwin Park had heard just such stuff as that preached for years and would not go to the mission any more. It took fasting and suffering to bring them out to our place for they thought they would hear it repeated.

During our baptism some who claimed to be Spirit filled stood on the bank and mocked and scoffed but despite all that, God set His seal of the service and many said it was the most wonderful baptism service they ever witnessed.

You will know partly now how we have fought the beasts at Ephesus (Baldwin Park) but, thank God, the dark clouds are vanishing and the life despised "Church of God" has gained a hold on the hearts of many precious people and will entwine around them until it will be impossible to shake them off.

I expect to finish the year here and the folks have already told me when I get ready to go to the Assembly I will carry with me a return ticket.

May God bless you every one. Keep praying for California, she is coming to the front.

If you have a difficult task try fasting and prayer.

Yours in the battle to stay,
Mrs. S. A. Shepherd,
Covina, Cal.

God Revealed the Church

Dear Saints of God:

I am praising God for salvation and am so thankful that I have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and on Apr. 9, 1922 I was added to the Church of God. I praise God for it. I love the Church with all my heart.

I was waiting before the Lord one day and the Holy Ghost began to speak and called me to come and leave all. I didn't know what it meant and time went on and the Lord led me on step by step. Several times the Holy Ghost would speak and the Lord would give me the interpretation to come and leave all. I prayed and asked the Lord what it meant. I didn't think I was holding to anything that wasn't right and I couldn't understand what it meant. The time came when I wanted to know if I were in the right church. I was in the Church of Christ at that time. I love them all, praise His name. I went to God in prayer and asked Him to show me the real Church, the one Christ built on the rock. I came to the place where I was determined to know so I went to bed that night and the Lord gave me a dream.

I dreamed I was on the water in a ship. There were two ships, a large one and a small one. The large ship was loaded with Church of God people and they were all singing, that was the best singing I had ever heard, it just thrilled my soul through and through. The chorus was, I want to be a better man. I said to the sister with me, "Let us pull up a little so we can see." We pulled our ship up and peeped in. I thought the ship was going to start right away and I began to wonder how we were going to keep up. I could see it going so fast so I thought I would catch on to the back end of the ship. I thought that was the only way we could keep up and I was determined to do that. I woke up with the power of God on me and oh, how good I felt. After breakfast I went before the Lord in prayer and asked Him what all this meant. He showed me that the large ship was the Church of God and the Holy Ghost began speaking and called me again to come and leave all. I understood then what it meant and I thank God for showing me the right way. Praise His dear name!

Your sister in Christ,
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THE CHURCH OF GOD—HER DOCTRINE

Perry W. Hadcock

Doctrine is synonymous with faith, it is instruction, teaching etc. It is very generally understood by many, that the doctrine of the Church of God is the whole Bible rightly divided. And though this is true, there are many who are not capable of rightly dividing the Word and who have not acquainted themselves with the Church and her doctrine, therefore, we will narrate the doctrine. In this, however, it should be remembered that we are not tied up to these doctrines only but are striving for the perfect way. We mean by this that we are contending for the full restoration of all the doctrine of the Bible as the Church in the early days had it. And though there are many different movements today that claim to be the Church of God and go by the name, Church of God, there can be only one real movement and that one will attain to the standard of the Bible in every detail and doctrine. Below we give some of the teachings made prominent by the Church of God.

First. REPENTANCE. "Now after what John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14, 15; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19.

Second. JUSTIFICATION. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Rom. 5:1-9; Titus 3:7.

Third. REGENERATION. "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matt. 19:28; Titus 3:5.

Fourth. BORN AGAIN. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 3:9.

Fifth. SANCTIFICATION SUBSEQUENT TO JUSTIFICATION. "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5:2; 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Thes. 4:3; Heb. 13:12; 1 John 1:9.

Sixth. HOLINESS. "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Luke 1:74, 75; 1 Thes. 4:7; Heb. 12:14.

Seventh. WATER BAPTISM. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; John 3:22, 23; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47, 48; 16:33; 19:3-5.

Eighth. BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST SUBSEQUENT TO CLEANSING, THE ENDUEMENT OF POWER FOR SERVICE. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Matt. 3:11; Luke 24:49-52; Acts 1:4-8.

Ninth. THE SPEAKING IN TONGUES AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26; Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6.

Tenth. THE FULL RESTORATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH. "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." 1 Cor. 12:1, 7-10, 28, 31; 1 Cor. 14:1.

Eleventh. SIGNS FOLLOWING BELIEVERS. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16:17-20; Rom. 15:18, 19; Heb. 2:4.

Twelfth. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22; Gal. 5:22, 23; Eph. 5:9; Phil. 1:11.

Thirteenth. DIVINE HEALING PROVIDED FOR ALL IN THE ATONEMENT. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy

diseases." Psa. 103:3; Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:17; James 5:14-16; 1 Pet. 2:24.

Fourteenth. THE LORD'S SUPPER. "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." Luke 22:17, 18; 1 Cor. 11:23-25.

Fifteenth. WASHING THE SAINTS' FEET. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:4-17; 1 Tim. 5:9, 10.

Sixteenth. TITHING AND GIVING. "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth. And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes to all. Gen. 14:18-20; 28:20-22; Mal. 3:10; Luke 11:42; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-9; Heb. 7:1-21.

Seventeenth. RESTITUTION WHERE POSSIBLE. "Bring forth therefore, fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 3:8; Luke 19:8, 9; Rom. 13:8.

Eighteenth. PRE-MILLENNIAL SECOND COMING OF JESUS. First, to resurrect the dead saints and to catch away the living saints to meet him in the air. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:27, 28; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thes. 4:15-17.

Second. To reign on earth a thousand years. "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. Zech. 14:4, 5; Luke 1:32; 1 Thes. 4:14; 2 Thes. 1:7-10; Jude 1:14, 15; Rev. 5:10; 19:11-21; 20:4-6.

Nineteenth. RESURRECTION. "They that are dead shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:5, 6.

Twentieth. ETERNAL LIFE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:46; Luke 18:30; John 10:28; Rom. 6:22; 1 John 5:11-13.

Twenty-first. ETERNAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE WICKED. NO LIBERATION NOR ANNIHILATION. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 9:43, 48; Rev. 14:10-15; 20:10, 15.

Twenty-second. TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALL LIQUOR OR

STRONG DRINKS. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1; 23:29-32; Isa. 28:7; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:10; Gal. 5:21.

Twenty-third. AGAINST THE USE OF TOBACCO IN ANY FORM, OPIUM, MORPHINE ETC. "Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Isa. 55:2; 1 Cor. 10:31, 32; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:3-8; James 1:21.

Twenty-fourth. MEATS AND DRINKS. "For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him." Rom. 14:2, 3, 17; 1 Cor. 8:8; 1 Tim. 4:1-5.

Twenty-fifth. THE SABBATH. "I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts." Hosea 2:11; Rom. 13:1, 2; Rom. 14:5, 6; Col. 2:16, 17.

Twenty-sixth. AGAINST MEMBERS WEARING GOLD FOR ORNAMENT OR DECORATION, such as finger rings, bracelets, ear rings, lockets etc. "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Isa. 55:2; 1 Pet. 3:3; 1 John 2:16.

Twenty-seventh. AGAINST MEMBERS BELONGING TO LODGES. "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne." Matt. 5:34; John 18:20; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; James 5:12.

Twenty-eighth. AGAINST MEMBERS SWEARING. "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation." James 5:12; Matt. 5:34.

We have briefly mentioned some of the teachings of the Church of God stands for, while there may be more that the Scripture references do not cover, but we will not take the space to mention them in this writing. Next we wish to call your attention to the officers in the Church as compared to the early Church.

First. OVERSEERS. The word overseer is found only one time in the New Testament. It is taken from the Greek word "episkopos" meaning a superintendent, an officer in general in charge of a (or the) church. The word superintendent means to have, or exercise the charge or oversight of, direct or control and though the word overseer does not appear so often, we find all through the New Testament as well as the old, characters who did the work of overseers.

The first Scripture we refer to is found in Deut. 1:15, "So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes." The word captain in the above verse comes from the Hebrew word "sar" meaning a head person of any rank or class, hence overseer. While this was the Church in the wilderness, it was a type of the real church Jesus was to set up.

In Acts 20:28 we find some instructions to the overseers in the Church of God, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." We notice in Heb. 13:17 where he said, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." The Church of God is endeavoring to put this into practice daily. God has a way to protect his children—through the faithfulness of qualified leaders. Our opponents may say that we are out of New Testament order to have a General Overseer but some Bible readers will have to admit that James, and also Paul at different times did the work of a general overseer (or superintendent) and if this office existed and was filled in the early Church, we may well expect the same in the Church in the evening of the gospel age. This Church that we are narrating the doctrine of has a General Overseer.

Second. THE TWELVE ELDERS. "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles." Luke 6:13. An apostle is one charged with a high mission, the term elder and apostle in this sense is synonymous in meaning. These twelve were in the early Church, as all Bible readers know. They are also in the Church of God today.

Third. THE SEVENTY ELDERS. After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whether he himself would come." Luke 10:1.

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." Titus 1:5. These seventy were in the early church, also others. And the Church of God today has the twelve and seventy elders and are looking forward to more as the Lord leads.

Fourth. BISHOPS. "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop when must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach." 1 Tim. 3:1, 2. These

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